

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace the previous version, and the listing of claims:

Listing of Claims

1-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently amended) A building reinforcing structure comprising:

first and second structural members for a building connected to each other,

a reinforcing member extending between the first and second structural members and fixed to the first and second structure members to form a first space surrounded by the first and second structure members connected to each other and the reinforcing member, said reinforcing member including a first spring member protruding to a direction opposite to a contacting portion between the first and second structural members and a second spring member protruding toward the contacting portion, said first and second spring members forming a second space therebetween,

~~at least one of~~ a damper member and a first synthetic resin foam provided in the second space between the first and second spring members, wherein said damper member is arranged to resist against a force enlarging the second space between the first and second spring members due to a force acting on the first and second structural members to reduce an angle at the contacting portion between the first and second structural members, and said damper member and said first synthetic resin foam are arranged to resist against a pulling force reducing the second space between the first and second spring members due to a force acting on the first and second structural members to enlarge the angle between the first and second structural members, and

a second synthetic resin foam provided in the first space enclosed by the first and second structural members and the reinforcing member, wherein said second synthetic resin foam resists a pushing force from the second spring member, and a pushing force acting on the first and second structural members to reduce the angle at the contacting portion between the first and second structural members.

11. (Previously presented) The building reinforcing structure according to claim 10, wherein the first spring member is formed by a first plate spring, and the second spring member is formed by second and third plate springs overlapping each other and joined with retainers.

12. (Currently amended) The building reinforcing ~~member~~ structure according to claim 11, wherein said second plate spring is fixed at two longitudinal end portions to the first and second structural members, and the first plate spring is immovably connected at two longitudinal end portions only to the second plate spring without connecting to the first and second structural members.

13. (Currently amended) The building reinforcing ~~member~~ structure according to claim 10, wherein said damper member is a spring installed between the first and second spring members to contact thereto.

14. (Currently amended) The building reinforcing ~~member~~ structure according to claim 13, wherein said damper member and the first synthetic resin foam are provided in the second space.

15. (Currently amended) The building reinforcing ~~member~~ structure according to claim 10, wherein said first and second structural members contact or cross to each other.

16. (Previously presented) A building reinforcing member for a structure having first and second structural members connected to each other, said building reinforcing member comprising:

a reinforcing member configured to extend between the first and second structural members and fix thereto, said reinforcing member including a first spring member protruding to one side thereof and a second spring member protruding to a side opposite to the first spring member to form a space therebetween, and

a spring provided in the space between the first and second spring members to urge the first and second spring members away from each other when the space is narrowed.

17. (Previously presented) The building reinforcing member according to claim 16, wherein the first spring member is formed by a first plate spring, and the second spring member is formed by second and third plate springs overlapping each other and joined with retainers, said second plate spring being configured to fix at two longitudinal end portions to the first and second structural members, the first plate spring being immovably connected at two longitudinal end portions only to the second plate spring without connecting to the first and second structural members.

18. (Currently amended) The building reinforcing member according to claim ~~17~~ 16, further comprising synthetic resin foam provided adjacent to the reinforcing member to be placed in a space enclosed by the first and second structural members and the reinforcing member.

19. (Currently amended) The building reinforcing member according to claim 16, further comprising synthetic resin foam installed in a space between the first and second spring members, said synthetic resin foam is arranged to resist against a pulling force reducing the space between the first and second spring members due to a force acting on the first and second structural members to enlarge the angle between the first and second structural members.